

Construction Notice

9-7-2010

Project Update for Ballard Roadside Raingardens

PROJECT UPDATE:

This week the contractor will return to 29th, 30th and 31st Ave NW to complete weir construction, rock placement, and sign placement as well as to add mulch in the recently filled and graded raingardens.

This work will prepare the raingardens for final planting in October.

Erosion control measures, such as silt socks installed in existing drains, will remain during the construction of the raingardens on 29th, 30th and 31st Ave NW.

The contractor will install and maintain traffic control signs in construction areas. Please watch for these signs as you travel within the construction areas. The contractor will stage equipment in the right-of-way during construction and will provide residents access to their driveways during construction. Expect reduced access to on-street parking in the 7700 block of 29th Ave NW and 2900 block of NW 77th St, the 8000 block of 30th Ave NW and the 7500 block of 31st Ave NW during construction.

DATE/TIME: The contractor will be working Monday to Thursday, from 7 AM to 6 PM, through the summer.

CONTACT:

- **Call** the Ballard Roadside Raingardens project team at **(206) 386-9161**
- **Email** the Ballard Roadside Raingardens project team at **SPU_BRR@seattle.gov**
- **View** the project website for more information. Go to **www.seattle.gov/CSO**, click on CSO Reduction Projects, click on Ballard Basin and select Ballard Roadside Raingardens.

We will provide regular updates as the work progresses.

See next page for project background and description.

Ballard Roadside Raingardens

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The first phase of Ballard Roadside Raingardens began in June 2010. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has started construction of a natural drainage project in north Ballard that will help reduce stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to Salmon Bay. The project is located within the Ballard Combined Sewer Overflow basin area. SPU is required to control the number of overflows from this basin, which are heavily influenced by stormwater. Stormwater collects in shallow depressions with spongy soils and attractive plantings that allow it to slowly filter into the ground. The design helps to calm traffic, improves the appeal of the street, and makes it safer for pedestrians. SPU monitors these installations to quantify the amount of stormwater diverted from the combined sewer system.

THE PROJECT:

The Ballard Roadside Raingardens project installs raingardens in the public right-of-way of 10 blocks in north Ballard. The raingardens are constructed using soils specially designed to infiltrate and filter stormwater off the roads and they are densely planted to enhance pollutant removal while providing attractive landscaping. The raingardens temporarily accommodate up to six inches of ponding in order to store and treat as much of the runoff as possible. These facilities are located within existing planting strips, and in some cases may extend into roadways for a short length. In areas where they extend into the roadway, the facilities serve a secondary purpose as traffic calming features.

The Ballard Roadside Raingardens are part of Seattle's Combined Sewer Overflow Reduction Program to provide cleaner waterways for a healthy Seattle. To find out more, go to

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